

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 62nd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON FISH AND GAME

Call to Order: Chair John Brenden, on April 19, 2011 at 3:00 PM, in Room 422 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. John Brenden, Chairman (R)
Sen. Joe Balyeat, Vice Chairman (R)
Sen. Debby Barrett (R)
Sen. Tom Facey (D)
Sen. Bradley Hamlett (D)
Sen. Greg Hinkle (R)
Sen. Larry Jent (D)
Sen. Jim Shockley (R)
Sen. Art Wittich (R)

Members Excused: Sen. Steven Gallus (D)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Joe Kolman, Legislative Branch
Kevin McCue, Committee Secretary

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HJ 32, 4/18/2011; SR 14, 4/18/2011; SR 15, 4/18/2011

Executive Action: SR 14 - Not be adopted
SR 15 - Be adopted
HJ 32 - Be concurred in

HEARING ON SR 15

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:00:45 Sen. John Brenden (R), SD 18, opened the hearing on SR 15, Confirm appointment to the Fish Wildlife and Parks Commission.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:01:03 Patti Keebler, Office of the Governor

00:02:13 George Golie, lobbyist, Montana Wildlife Federation (MWF)

Opponents' Testimony:

None

Informational Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:02:54 Sen. Wittich

00:03:15 Ms. Keebler

00:03:58 Sen. Brenden

00:04:46 Sen. Wittich

00:05:07 Without objection, Joe Maurier, Director, Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP)

00:05:29 Sen. Hamlett

00:05:55 Dir. Maurier

00:06:01 Sen. Barrett

00:06:14 Dir. Maurier

00:06:28 Sen. Brenden

00:06:52 Sen. Barrett

00:07:10 Dir. Maurier

00:07:52 Sen. Brenden

00:08:11 Sen. Shockley

00:08:40 Dir. Maurier

00:09:12 Sen. Shockley

00:09:31 Ms. Keebler

00:11:32 Sen. Brenden

Closing by Sponsor:

00:12:28 Ms. Keebler

HEARING ON SR 14

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:15:05 Sen. John Brenden (R), SD 18, opened the hearing on SR 14, Confirm appointment to the Fish Wildlife and Parks Commission.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:15:14 Patti Keebler, Office of the Governor

00:16:27 George Golie, lobbyist, Montana Wildlife Federation (MWF)

Opponents' Testimony:

None

Informational Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:16:59 Sen. Barrett

00:18:30 Sen. Brenden

00:18:50 Without objection, Joe Maurier, Director, Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP)

00:19:48 Sen. Brenden

00:19:59 Dir. Maurier

00:20:54 Sen. Balyeat

00:21:33 Dir. Maurier

00:22:20 Sen. Barrett

00:23:24 Dir. Maurier

00:26:24 Sen. Shockley

00:27:35 Dir. Maurier

00:28:46 Sen. Facey

00:29:26 Dir. Maurier

00:31:01 Sen. Jent

00:31:43 Recess ~ Hearing continued later

HEARING ON HJ 32

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:31:56 Rep. Pat Connell (R), HD 87, opened the hearing on HJ 32, Resolution to study state parks, recreation, heritage programs.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:35:36 Chas Van Genderen, Parks Division Administrator, Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP)

00:36:11 Roger Hagan, lobbyist, Montana Trail Vehicle Riders Association (MTVRA) and on behalf of Ronda Wiggers, lobbyist, Montana Snowmobile Association (MSA)

Opponents' Testimony:

None

Informational Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:37:13 Sen. Wittich
00:38:20 Rep. Connell
00:39:34 Joe Kolman, Legislative Services Division (LSD)
00:39:49 Sen. Shockley
00:39:58 Sen. Balyeat
00:40:11 Sen. Brenden
00:40:34 Sen. Balyeat
00:40:55 Rep. Connell
00:41:46 Sen. Facey
00:42:13 Mr. Kolman, LSD

Closing by Sponsor:

00:42:33 Rep. Connell
00:43:33 Committee stood at ease while phone system was set up.

CONTINUED HEARING ON SR 14

00:50:01 Committee reopened hearing of SR 14.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:51:18 Sen. Brenden
00:51:34 Sen. Shockley
00:51:47 Dan Vermillion, Commissioner, Fish, Wildlife & Parks (FWP)
01:04:18 Sen. Balyeat
01:05:03 Mr. Vermillion
01:11:08 Sen. Hamlett
01:11:25 Mr. Vermillion
01:13:35 Sen. Barrett
01:14:28 Mr. Vermillion
01:18:17 Sen. Shockley
01:18:50 Mr. Vermillion
01:20:36 Sen. Brenden
01:21:07 Mr. Vermillion
01:33:05 Sen. Brenden

EXHIBIT(fis87a01)

Closing by Sponsor:

01:33:39 Ms. Keebler

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HJ 32

01:34:51 **Motion:** Sen. Balyeat moved that **HJ 32 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

01:35:03 Sen. Facey
01:35:37 Sen. Shockley
01:36:12 Sen. Balyeat
01:37:45 Sen. Facey
01:38:26 Sen. Brenden

01:38:41 **Vote:** Motion carried 6-4 by roll call vote with Sen. Balyeat, Sen. Brenden, Sen. Hinkle and Sen. Wittich voting no. Sen. Gallus voted by proxy. Sen. Facey will carry HJ 32.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SR 15

01:41:06 **Motion:** Sen. Wittich moved that **SR 15 BE ADOPTED.**

Discussion:

01:41:40 Sen. Shockley
01:42:17 Sen. Hamlett
01:42:55 Sen. Barrett
01:43:18 Ms. Keebler
01:43:37 Sen. Brenden

01:44:19 **Vote:** Motion carried 9-1 by roll call vote with Sen. Barrett voting no. Sen. Gallus voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SR 14

01:44:33 **Motion:** Sen. Facey moved that **SR 14 BE ADOPTED.**

Discussion:

01:44:48 Sen. Balyeat
01:47:38 Sen. Hamlett
01:48:08 Sen. Brenden
01:48:39 Sen. Hinkle
01:50:02 Sen. Shockley
01:52:09 Sen. Balyeat
01:53:17 Sen. Wittich

01:54:30 **Substitute Motion:** Sen. Wittich made a substitute motion that **SR 14 NOT BE ADOPTED.**

Discussion:

01:55:20 Sen. Facey
01:56:45 Sen. Brenden
01:58:06 Sen. Shockley
01:58:59 Sen. Hinkle
01:59:25 Sen. Balyeat
02:00:31 Sen. Barrett
02:01:20 Sen. Shockley

02:02:25 **Vote:** Motion carried 6-4 by roll call vote with Sen. Facey, Sen. Gallus, Sen. Hamlett and Sen. Jent voting no. Sen. Gallus voted by proxy.

ADDITIONAL TESTIMONY

EXHIBIT(fis87a02)

Information regarding Mr. Stafne related to SR 15.

EXHIBIT(fis87a03)

Information regarding Mr. Vermillion related to SR 14.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment:

02:05:28

Kevin McCue, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([fis87aad.pdf](#))